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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
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Re: IS Docket No. 11-109

Ms. Dortch,

I have recently become aware that the Federal Communications Commission is mediating the row between LightSquared and the GPS industry et al.. Hence the purpose of this letter.

At first glance it is hard for one to cite a reasonable argument against LightSquared's multi-billion dollar investment to build a nationwide 4G wireless broadband network. But being the fair and balanced American that I am, I wanted to hear the GPS industry's arguments. As I researched each, it's clear that they are clever and tenacious- both qualities I admire but in this case I fear they are just using those talents for their own selfish reasons.

Here are just a few reasons for LightSquared to be permitted to go forward with their plans:

**Interference issues can be resolved.** While the GPS industry has a legitimate concern that a rival product could pose an issue for them, let's be clear, the issue has nothing to do with LightSquared's technology they plan to deploy. The interference 'problem' they cite is in a very small fraction of instances. It would be like saying I shouldn't send my child to 1st grade because other kids are sick and so she might get sick too. Well as my cousin in the south says, "that dog won't hunt".

LightSquared has been crystal clear on this point and have repeatedly assured the GPS industry that have no desire to roll out a product that will cause them or the public any aggravation, much less pose a security risk to air travel or nautical interests. So if LightSquared is proactively taking this concern off the table, why would the GPS industry use it to degrade this project? The only rationale answers to that question highlight the true intent of the GPS industry's 'defense' in this matter.

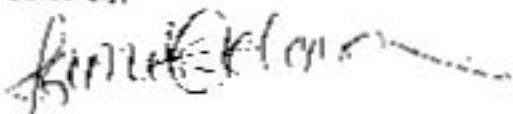
**Economic stimulus.** The GPS is surely as down as most given the difficulties facing our economy as of late. It would seem to me that anything that would put people back to work so they could purchase more GPS enabled products would find support within their ranks. Also that is not the case. Again, I question the motive here only as a means to point out the intellectual dishonesty seething through their cleverly phrased messaging since the answer is quite obvious.

**Address growing wireless demand.** If we lived in a world that was fair, the cellular industry would take down every cell tower within range of the GPS industry's offices to prove a point. Since they are far more equitable and reasonable than I that hasn't happened. That said, it's no secret that as the phones and other electronic toys we buy get smaller and faster, accompanied by apps that put additional burdens on the existing broadband infrastructure; America simply cannot wait to expand our future needs for wireless broadband. With little or no ability for existing providers to do it all at once, we are looking at a proverbial log-jam if expansion doesn't start now. The best option for that to happen is to allow LightSquared to be permitted to move forward.

**Global competitiveness.** Regardless of your opinion on how and why India and China are surpassing America on the technology front, we must still compete and win. Even if they have an unfair advantage in this race, at least and hopefully just for now, America must prevail or we will suffer dire economic consequences. Frankly, LightSquared is an exclusive category that is leading the way for America even during this terrible recession. For that we should be proud and the FCC should reward them for their effort by giving them an affirmative decision and allow them to blaze an economic path for other American innovators to follow.

I hope my arguments have been persuasive here because this is one of the few instances in which I take time to write on an issue facing our government. But as I watch the GPS industry scheme, plot and yes, even lie about this issue I have grown quite disturbed and concerned. Please let LightSquared move forward because America needs it and they deserve it. Anything less would be an assault to everything I've known this country to stand for.

Sincerely,



James Coleman